

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2008.

I. Summary of Examiner's Objections and Rejections

Prior to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2008, Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-19 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tserng, US 6,570,608 (hereinafter "Tserng") further in view of Porikli, US 2003/0118214 (hereinafter "Porikli"). Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tserng further in view of Porikli and Divakaran et al., US 6,697,523 (hereinafter "Divakaran," a reference of record). Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tserng, Porikli, and further in view of Xu, US 2003/0108238 (hereinafter "Xu").

Claim 19 was allowed and claims 12 and 13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendments

The present Reply amends claim 1, cancels claim 12 and adds claim 20, all as shown herein. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute any originally presented or cancelled claims in a continuing or future application.

III. Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation that was previously set forth in Claim 12. This is consistent with the Examiner's statement that Claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Newly added Claim 20 is a combination of Claim 1 and former claim 13. As such, Claim 20 should also be allowable.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this reply, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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